

**REGULAR MEETING
BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 4, 2008 – 4:00 P.M.
TRIBAL OFFICE BOARDROOM**

1. Chairman Eugene Caldwell called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with a quorum present: MEMBERS PRESENT: Eugene Caldwell, Laurie Boivin, Regina Washinawatok, Jeremy Weso, Kathy Kaquatosh, Keith Tourtillott and Betty Jo Wozniak. MEMBERS ABSENT: Gregory Askenette. Also present: Linda Peters, recorder.

2. Moment of Silence A moment of silence was observed.

3. Approval of Minutes dated October 7, 2008, October 13, 2008 and October 21, 2008.

Motion made by Laurie Boivin to approve the minutes dated October 7, 2008, October 13, 2008 and October 21, 2008 with any corrections as needed. Second was by Keith Tourtillott. All those in favor signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 6 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 1 absent (Askenette).

There were two sets of October 13, 2008 minutes when one set should have been listed as the October 21, 2008 recessed meeting.

4. Menominee County addendum to Act 161 (Youth Services) and Mental Health Agreements (51/55).

Ron Corn-Menominee County Administrator submitted an addendum to Act 161 (Youth Services) and an addendum to Mental Health Agreement (51/55) for the Tribe's approval and payments. The current contracts end December 31, 2008.

The committee commented that Menominee County (by stature) has to provide services to the youth of Menominee County. Jeremy Weso informed the committee that the stature only applies to the youth that are adjudicated in the Menominee County court systems. This does not apply to our Tribal Courts. That is the reason that Act 161 is in existence.

Act 161 allows recognition of our tribal court system and if the Tribe does not fund this agreement, any minor adjudicated in Tribal Courts after December 31, 2008 will not be eligible for any type of services from Menominee County.

The budgetary figures that were provided to the committee show the tribe's amount but does not show how the tribe's money has been spent. It does not show any type of overages/shortfalls and there has not been any justification/evidence attached to warrant this amount.

The committee discussed how the tribe's money is being spent. There is no accountability. How does Social Services operate, where are the prevention programs, does the number of individuals assisted coincide with the need? Menominee County should be producing a financial report to the tribe. The tribe has discussed establishing our own Social Services program within the Strategic Plan.

There is a new agency developed entitled Department of Children and Families. The tribe has been lobbying to change the parameters of the program because the tribe does not have a qualifying cost. If the Secretary can change this requirement, there could be additional monies available to assist with funding the Act 161 agreement.

The committee was informed that the \$100,000 payment that was due on October 15, 2008 is for the costs already incurred within Fiscal Year 2008. It was the consensus of the committee that Fiscal Year 2008 incurred costs should be paid with Fiscal Year 2008 monies.

Motion made by Keith Tourtillott to recommend to the Legislature to deny the addendum for the Act 161 contract and that we extend the current contract for one year. Second was by Betty Jo Wozniak. All those in favor signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 6 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 1 absent (Askenette).

This Act 51/55 agreement bill has been paid by the Tribal Clinic for several years. This year, Menominee County was requesting an additional \$25,000 from the Clinic. There were additional dollars placed into the budget for transport by our tribal police department.

Motion made by Keith Tourtillott to recommend to the Legislature to deny the addendum for the Act 51/55 Agreement and to recommend that we extend the present contract for like terms and conditions. Second was by Betty Jo Wozniak. All those in favor signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 1 abstention (Boivin-due to employment) and 1 absent (Askenette).

5. Other Business.

The committee was informed that the tribe is still waiting for the approved 2008 IDC rate from the auditors to avoid losing any funding from agencies that will not let us claim the IDC rate without this approval. There are still questions from our auditors on cost and their questions pertain to capital expenditures, tribal council payments and software purchases. There questions have been responded to and once the answers are received, the rate should be approved.

6. Adjournment.

Motion made by Betty Jo Wozniak/Laurie Boivin to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda Peters, recorder
Chairman's Office